



Just the Facts: Why Idaho Needs a State Plan For Alzheimer's and Other Dementias

Alzheimer's is a rapidly growing disease nationwide...

- ** One in 10 Americans will develop some form of dementia during their lifetime - 70% of those diagnoses will be Alzheimer's
- ** Someone new is diagnosed with Alzheimer's every 70 seconds
- ** Of all the major diseases, Alzheimer's is the only one whose mortality rate is still climbing
- ** The greatest risk factor for developing dementia is advancing age, and in America, 10,000 people a day are turning 65 – a trend which will continue until 2030
- ** People 85+ represent almost half the people with Alzheimer's

...especially in Idaho.

- ** People 85+ are the fastest growing segment of the state's population
- ** Today, Idahoans with Alzheimer's would fill Bronco Stadium...and that number will double in just 14 years
- ** Idaho is projected to have the 5th highest increase in Alzheimer's patients among all states
- ** Idaho's death rate from Alzheimer's is one of the highest in the nation

Treating Alzheimer's is costly for individuals and the state.

- ** Medicaid/Medicare patients with Alzheimer's are more than 9 times more costly than non-Alzheimer's Medicaid/Medicare patients, presenting a public health challenge to our state
- ** Medicare patients with Alzheimer's are more than 3 times more likely to require hospital stays than non-Alzheimer Medicare patients
- ** Patients ages 65+ with dementia make up about ¼ of all hospital patients at any given time
- ** About ½ of all Medicaid beneficiaries with dementia are nursing home residents